Wise Up ! How To Be Wiser And Smarter In Today's World

This is a book that is full of adages, good advice, old sayings, cliches, aphorisms, proverbs, words to the wise, etc. I hope that as you read it you will gain much wisdom and use it appropriately in your life and the lives of others. The items presented here are not necessarily my own. They have been gleaned from The Holy Bible, various publications, Internet sources and conversations with other folks. I don't claim to be responsible for their origination. I do, however, believe that they are all excellent sources to become wiser and smarter in today's world.

1. **Wear none of your own Chains; but keep free, while you are free. In other words, don't pick up habits that will enslave you. Stay free of harmful habits.**
2. **Cherish love. Love is the most important, most powerful thing in the entire universe. Why not have a sincere interest in this mighty force. Learn about it.**

Apply it to all things in your life. You will be the beneficiary as well as those around you. Don't be foolish about love. Be wise about love. This is how Christ loved us, and this is how he calls us to love one another. Learn to love.

3. **<u>Consider the wisdom and experience of the elderly.</u> This can be a valuable asset for you that can be used for your benefit in this life. But at the same time remember to evaluate that wisdom and experience to ensure that it is correct and appropriate. After all, they are only human just as we are.**
4. **<u>The morning is hungrier than the evening.</u> When doing things, you will grow weary as the day rolls on. You will probably be more excited and enthusiastic in the morning. However, SOME folks do their best work at night. Everyone is different.**
5. **<u>Seek to please God at all times.</u> He is the only one that you must please in the end. All others are only temporary. God is permanent. VERY permanent. If you will listen carefully to that still small voice, He WILL guide you in all decisions and actions. But you must be willing to listen and obey.**
6. **<u>Trust God as your Lord and Savior.</u> Place your hope in the Lord and trust Him to change the situations around you. By trusting Him, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.**

7. **Everything is temporary.** Live recognizing that EVERYTHING is temporary. The only permanence is found in Spiritual matters. God is Spirit. We will live in a permanent and Spiritual eternity that will never end. Focus on eternal matters more than temporary matters.
8. **Recognize that you may not have "One more day".** Hell is full of people that wrongly assumed that they had "one more day". Don't take a chance that you will live "one more day". You may not have one more day to decide whether you want to ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Once you are dead, it is too late to make that decision. You already made the decision by ignoring it. Eternity is a long, long time. Don't gamble with your eternal life.
9. **DO NOT love those things that God hates.** A relationship with God is much too valuable to damage because of a sinful thing that can only hurt you.

10. **Remember that everything is in a state of change.** Times change! Previously, no one believed the weather forecast. Today in the news only the weather forecast can be trusted.
11. **No one has ever seen God.** But if you want a glimpse of Him, LOOK AROUND YOU and you will see evidence of His handiwork. Trees, mountains, flowers, birds, animals, water, ocean, land, and all things in the land.

You can either realize and accept these things as reflections of Him or you can reject that notion. The choice is yours. God has been so kind as to allow man to be able to make choices. Choices are a major part of our everyday life. Make wise choices. Choices are very important.

12. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6). Why not take advantage of His guidance?**
13. **Be respectful of others but do not allow them to bully you. Be kind but wise.**
14. **God is the source of joy. God may be kind and generous to us with things and circumstances that bring joy to us, but true joy is found not in those things themselves but in their source. Joy can also be fueled and found in living out God's Word and trusting in the promises God gives us in his Word. Look to the source.**
15. **The joy of Christ will replace or reduce stress. Joy becomes a filter through which we view life. This attitude of joy is lived purposely.**
16. **Forgive others and you will be the one who benefits most. Forgiveness is for YOUR own good.**
17. **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding Please understand that "fear" does not mean to live as one**

scared of Him all the time. What it means is, acknowledging His mighty power and abilities. Understanding and respecting His power is the key.

18. **Jesus offers us a free gift. Accept it. When we accept the righteousness which Jesus offers us, the curse of sin and death is broken in our lives. Darkness is defeated.**
19. **What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Focus your perceptions and actions on the unseen eternal things. Everything else is temporary.**
20. **Years are like fine wine : You go on, they will catch up with you as you age.**
21. **If you are a believer, grow inwardly. You may rest constantly in knowing that, though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day**
22. **Putting off repentance and faith can lead to eternal damnation. Therefore, we must be ready for Jesus' return. Be wise, be ready at all times.**
23. **Tomorrow will come. The charm of sleepless nights is the idea that tomorrow will not come.**
24. **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Do you want to be saved? Be wise, call upon God to save you by believing on His name and professing it with your mouth. This is wisdom.**

25. **Be prepared.** A wise servant of Jesus does not delay his duties since he does not know when his master will return, and he refuses to be caught unawares. He does not put off loving service to his master because today might be his last chance to do what is right. Christ might return for us today. Be ready, serve faithfully.
26. **We are not what we know, but what we are willing to learn.** Be willing and seek to learn, learn, learn !
27. **Create your own opportunities.** Think about this for a while. Each moment is an opportunity.
28. **Never break your promises.** People remember.
29. **Happiness is a choice.** Choose to be happy at every opportunity.
30. **Habits develop into character.** Strive to develop plenty of good habits.
31. **If you want to be happy stop complaining and look for the good in any and all circumstances.** It is your choice. You have been given a free will. Use it !
32. **Asking for help is a sign of strength** (NOT WEAKNESS).
33. **Replace every negative thought with a positive one.** This is a habit that you can develop.
34. **Accept what is, let go of what was, have faith in what will be.** Sometimes you have to let go to let new things come in.

35. **A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to what it was.** Experience is what causes a person to make new mistakes instead of old ones. This is called "development of character".
36. **If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn no one can stop you.** This speaks for itself.
37. **Be confident enough to encourage confidence in others.** Show those around you that you have confidence in them.
38. **Allow others to figure things out for themselves.** The fixer ends up becoming the enabler. Let people figure it out for themselves; give them a chance to learn.
39. **Confidence is essential for a successful life.** Don't compare yourself to others; compare yourself to the person you were yesterday and give yourself the confidence to be better tomorrow.
40. **Admit your mistakes and don't repeat them.** If you can't admit your mistakes, you are destined to repeat them. In addition, this shows weakness on your part.
41. Be kind to yourself and forgive yourself. You can't know what you haven't yet learned, you can't become proficient without first being a beginner and you can't be perfect. You are only human.
42. Failures are lessons in progress. Failure is always forgivable if you have the courage to learn its lessons and move forward in a new way.

43. **Make amends with those who have wronged you. Apologizing doesn't always mean that you're wrong and the other person is right. It just means that you value your relationships more than your ego.**
44. **Live your life on your terms. Define what your life is on your own terms and achieve it by your own rules. Build a life you're proud to live.**
45. **When you don't know, don't speak as if you do. If you don't know, simply don't speak.**
46. **Treat others the way you want to be treated. Live by the Golden Rule. Always.**
47. **Think before you speak. Never say anything that doesn't improve on silence. This takes practice.**
48. **Cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Never let the things that you want make you forget the things you have.**
49. **Life isn't as serious as our minds make it out to be. Life is too short to always be taken so seriously.**
50. **Take risks and be bold within reason. In the end, we regret only the chances we didn't take.**
51. **Remember that "no" is a complete sentence. Learn to say no without having to explain yourself.**
52. **When you say yes to others, make sure you are not saying no to yourself.**
53. **Build on your strengths. The struggle you are in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow.**

54. **Never doubt your instincts. Trust your hunches; they are usually based on facts filed away in your unconscious mind.**
55. **FEAR doesn't have to stand for Forget Everything and Run. Sometimes it can be Future Expectations Appearing Real.**
56. **Your attitude will influence your experience. How you respond is at least as important as what happens to you.**
57. **View your life with gentle hindsight. Stop beating yourself up about things from your past. Instead of asking yourself, "What was I thinking?" ask yourself "What was I learning?"**
58. **This too shall pass. Just because today is terrible doesn't mean tomorrow won't be the best day of your life. You just have to get there.**
59. **If you want someone to get nervous, look at their forehead.**
60. **When you are in a group and notice that someone is making fun of you, look in their face and smile a little, they will feel scared.**
61. **Whisper something to someone and 9/10 times they'll whisper back.**
62. **If you want someone to tell the truth, make them laugh before questioning.**

63. If you think someone is lying look them in their eyes and don't say anything.

64. If you tell someone to stare into your eyes, it's now harder for them to remember anything without looking away.

65. I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Have the wisdom to know where to go when you need help.

66. Fools hate knowledge generally speaking. They would rather do things all their own way. Wise people will seek knowledge and understand it's value. Seek out the best advice on any given subject. Don't be foolish. Be wise.

67. It is a universal truth that you will reap what you sow. If you sow lovely things and thoughts you will reap the same. If you are angry, bitter, and mean then you will reap the same.

68. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, who have left the straight paths to walk in dark ways, who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.

69. Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman , from the wayward woman with her

seductive words, who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. Surely her seductive ways lead down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. None who go to her return or attain the paths of life. The pleasure will be temporary. The consequences will last for a long, long time. Don't be fooled.

70. **Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Learning to trust Him takes a lifetime of experiences but is one of the most valuable assets you can ever have.**
71. **Endeavor to care not primarily what men think but to be first and foremost concerned with fearing the Lord.**
72. **Do not envy violent people or choose any of their ways. Distance yourself from violent people.**
73. **Listen much more than you speak ! Think before you open your mouth to talk.**
74. **Don't tell everyone your business. Keep most of your business to yourself. Keep most thoughts to yourself.**
75. **Choose your friends carefully. You will become like those that you associate with.**

76. **Respect money but do not worship it. If you worship money you will never have enough.**
77. **Regarding intellect, be thankful for it but do not be conceited about it.**
78. **Do not place beauty as something to be worshipped as beauty will fail as we age. Instead develop character and moral aptitude. They only grow richer as you age.**
79. **Choose your life mate carefully and consider their family. When you marry you will be dealing with their family for many, many years. Try to choose someone with outstanding morals.**
80. **Don't believe everything that you see and hear. Don't trust what you see and hear in the media. Most of it is questionable.**
81. **In most cases it is unwise to loan money to friends or relatives. Many times, this can end up ruining a relationship.**
82. **Do not let others control you. Use wisdom and make your own choices and decisions. Listen to advice but realize also that it may be incorrect. Seek God's advice in The Bible.**
83. **Learn to keep your mouth shut and your eyes and ears open.**
84. **Do things right the first time. Rushing a job usually ends up needing to be redone.**

85. Don't be lazy. Hard work never hurt anyone if it is done in earnest. But don't allow yourself to become someone's slave either. Being lazy will make you poor.
86. Have mercy on others whenever possible.
87. Be thankful for your blessings. If you stop and consider what blessings you have, you will find that there are many. Do not take your blessings for granted.
88. Look for the good in things. Being negative is a bad habit.
89. Don't smoke. Don't use or dabble with drugs. They will kill.
90. Don't overindulge with alcohol.
91. Don't overeat. Eat to live. Don't live to eat.
92. Keep a close watch on your weight but don't become anorexic about it. Use common sense.
93. Attempt to do everything in moderation.
94. Do not be envious of others. Do not be jealous. Jealousy is a green eyed monster.
95. Do not use vulgar language. It shows ignorance and lack of ability to express yourself intelligently.
96. Treat animals with respect and kindness. They were put here on earth for a reason.
97. Don't take advantage of people that are in a negative or bad situation. This shows weakness on your part.

98. Try your best to live in a state of continual improvement.
99. Gain knowledge and education at every opportunity.
100. Learn a skill or craft that is able to support you for the rest of your life. Not having a skill or craft puts you in a vulnerable position.
101. Don't settle for second best. Always strive to be your very best at all time.
102. Don't be a "know it all". No one knows it all and it will make you look like a braggart. Don't flaunt your smarts.
103. Be humble.
104. As much as possible be at peace with others.
105. Handle your money responsibly. Keep a budget and stick to it. Make a habit of saving some of your money for a rainy day.
106. Consistently, "Tithe" your income. You cannot outgive God. If you tithe, you will see the hand of God on your finances. This is a universal fact.
107. Stop and smell the roses. By rushing all of the time you will miss out on enjoying the beautiful things in life.
108. Consider the ant and the bee and you will learn to appreciate what good steady work and effort is all about.

109. Never prematurely underestimate anyone. You have no idea what they are capable of achieving.

110. Always pay your taxes even if it hurts. You cannot beat the tax man !

111. Do not keep track of wrongs done to you. It will wear your out. Whenever possible, forgive and forget. But at the same time learn from these things and don't keep sticking your chin out there for someone to keep hitting.

112. Be wise as a serpent but gentle as a dove. This takes practice and is a lifelong endeavor.

113. Trust takes a while to obtain but can be lost in an instant. Do not lose the trust of others unnecessarily. Trust is a valuable asset.

114. Do not look at pornography. It will slowly destroy you and eat away at your moral fiber like a cancer. Do not underestimate its evil power over people. It will ruin you.

115. Listen to elders and consider there ways. They have lived life and have a lot of knowledge and understanding that can be useful to you.

116. Go to church and worship God. This is the backbone of your very existence. This concept is the most valuable of all.

117. Help, love and be benevolent to the poor, widowed, disabled and disadvantaged in our society. You will reap what you sow.

118. **Don't overestimate your own abilities. Remember you are only human and will be limited in some areas. Try to improve in these areas at all times.**
119. **Do not gossip or listen to rumors. These things can and do destroy people and relationships.**
120. **Create and invent whenever possible. You might be surprised at what you can come up with.**
121. **Keep your eyes on the path that you know is right. Do not look left or right but straight ahead.**
122. **Sleep enough but not too much. Too much sleep will bring sure poverty.**
123. **Do not lie.**
124. **Do not gossip.**
125. **Do not add gasoline to a fire (in regards to relational disagreements with others).**
126. **Continually seek control of your tongue. A gentle answer turns away wrath. Remember this when you find yourself in a verbal conflict.**
127. **Do not devise evil schemes. They will yield trouble.**
128. **Do not steal.**
129. **Do not kill.**
130. **Control what enters your mind as much as possible. Remember the old computer adage. Garbage in, garbage out. Keep your minds input clean and clear.**

131. Consider what others have to say but then use your own wisdom when applying these things. Your opinion is the one that matters. Make good choices.
132. Save money for a rainy day.
133. Don't put all of your eggs into one basket.
134. Don't be bossy or a controller of others.
135. Be humble.
136. Be thankful.
137. Get in the habit of looking at the bright side of things.
138. Don't gamble. The house always wins in the end.
139. Don't expect others to be kind and understanding. They are primarily interested in their self.
140. Do everything in moderation.
141. Always strive to attain the high moral ground. It represents who you are.
142. Don't borrow money.
143. Don't tell others too much about your ongoing life.
144. Be continually curious about the world around you and learn as much as possible about it.
145. Take time to marvel at God's creation. Appreciate it. Stop and smell the roses once in awhile.
146. Don't be overly sensitive. Learn to overlook offenses.
147. Read, read, read (this is an extremely valuable asset).

148. **Study the Holy Bible. Have a personal devotional every day without fail. Seek the wisdom that is in The Bible.**
149. **Don't spend your life trying to obtain as much wealth as possible. When you die, you can't take it with you and others will wind up with what you worked so hard for.**
150. **Don't spend your life trying to obtain as much power as possible. That power dies with you.**
151. **Be certain that you have asked forgiveness for your sins and asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior. Eternity is real and remember that it never ends. Don't die on the wrong side of life.**
152. **Don't make the mistake of thinking that creation just simply happened on its own. Nothing just happens "on its own". Evolution is a fallacy. Don't believe it.**
153. **Understand that your life matters. Use your life to accomplish good things. Do not waste it.**
154. **Be compassionate to others.**
155. **Be careful about judging others. You have no idea what it going on in their life. Don't always assume the worst.**
156. **Do not commit adultery. It can cost you everything. It is not worth it for its passing pleasure.**

157. **Do not take advantage of others that may be in a precarious position. Don't take advantage of the weak.**
158. **Don't assume that things will always go the way that you have planned. There are always too many variables.**
159. **Don't always take the easy way.**
160. **Consider the fact that details are important in work and relationships. Pay attention to the details.**
161. **Never allow yourself to be bribed.**
162. **Don't brag.**
163. **Don't talk too much. It will make you appear egotistical and a blow hard.**
164. **Listen much. Speak little.**
165. **Look before you leap.**
166. **Choose wisdom over gold and silver.**
167. **If something looks too good to be true, it probably is.**
168. **Don't take advertisements too literally. They are usually deceiving and inflated. Most products are not as wonderful as they are advertised to be.**
169. **When purchasing a product try to pay attention to the reviews that others have left. But don't give them too much credence because they may be false reviews.**
170. **Help the elderly and disabled at every opportunity.**

171. When choosing a doctor, choose carefully and ask for personal experience from others. Remember that the doctors get free sample from the big pharmaceuticals to promote their products.
172. Be more careful when you are home alone. Remember that there is no one there to help you if you get into a difficult situation.
173. Don't take unnecessary chances.
174. Learn how to barter with automobile dealerships when buying an auto. They operate a certain "trained" way. They know all of the angles to get the most money from you. You do not ! Learn these things before you enter into a dealership. They will attempt to maximize their profits and minimize yours. Don't be deceived. This is the way it works.
175. Don't experiment with drugs or alcohol. They will win and you will lose. Be wise !
176. When dealing with law enforcement, don't be a smart mouth. Always be respectful. Being a wise guy will cost you dearly. Watch your mouth.
177. Setting boundaries is not a display of disrespect . It's an act of self-respect.
178. Maturity is seeing someone's lack of effort as their lack of interest in you no matter what they say.
179. You don't get fit eating everything . You don't get wealthy spending everything.

180. Resist the urge to regret . Regrets are like old textbooks, you've already learned the lessons.
181. Your urges are your biggest enemy. Learn to control them. This takes practice.
182. Learn not to argue over issues that amount to nothing. It is a waste of energy.
183. Self-acceptance shouldn't stand in the way of self-improvement. Recognizing that you're good enough today doesn't prevent you from getting better tomorrow.
184. Be grateful for things you have received. It's too easy to be ungrateful. It's too easy to not appreciate the simple things in life.
185. Forgive. It is for your own good.
186. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.
187. Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.
188. The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.
189. Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.
190. Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.
191. The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.
192. The wages of the righteous is life, but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.

193. Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life,
but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.
194. Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and
spreads slander is a fool.
195. The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools
die for lack of sense.
196. The way of the LORD is a refuge for the blameless,
but it is the ruin of those who do evil.
197. Be humble. Do not be prideful. When pride
comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility
comes wisdom.
198. All will die. This is a fact of life. Wealth is
worthless in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.
199. Don't place your hopes in mere mortals. Hope
placed in mortals die with them; all the promise
of[a] their power comes to nothing.
200. Your mouth can destroy your neighbor or others.
Guard your mouth at all times. The tongue is a
potent device. Use it to accomplish good, not for
destroying.
201. Don't be a gossip or busybody. A gossip betrays a
confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.
202. A kindhearted woman gains honor,
203. Those who are kind benefit themselves as well as
the ones that they are kind to.

204. **Always remember this universal principle: “You reap what your sow”.**
205. **Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.**
206. **One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.**
207. **Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.**
208. **A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.**
209. **A person is praised according to their good judgement and common sense and one with a warped mind is despised.**
210. **The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.**
211. **Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.**
212. **The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves, but a fool’s heart blurts out folly.**
213. **Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.**
214. **The wise person chooses their friends carefully, Choose evil people to run with and you will end up in trouble.**
215. **Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.**

216. Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their lips.
217. A hot tempered person does foolish things, they will act without thinking. Avoid such people.
218. Remember your mother on Mother's Day and your father on Father's day.
219. A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.
220. Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
221. A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
222. Realize that the eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.
223. It is better to have a small serving of vegetables with love than an elegant feast with hatred.
224. You can be as happy or sad as you determine in your mind to be. You make that determination not circumstances.
225. It is better to give than to receive.
226. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.
227. Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

228. **Speak gracious words to others. Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.**
229. **People will remember what you did much more than what you said. Always try to do right.**
230. **Learn self-control. It is better to be a patient person than a warrior, it is better to be the one with self-control than it is to be the one who takes a city.**
231. **Trust takes a long time to develop and can be lost in a moment.**
232. **When in an uncomfortable circumstance with someone, be the one that seeks reconciliation. Do not hold onto bitterness.**
233. **Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so, drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.**
234. **Do not kill, because a murder will also kill you inside. It will ruin the rest of your life and friends and relatives of the victim. Nothing is to be gained except pain and sorrow.**
235. **A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.**
236. **Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.**
237. **Do not shame a person simply for your own enjoyment.**

238. **When engaged in a conversation try to listen and understand more and talk less. Ask well thought out questions and you will be thought to be intelligent and wise.**
239. **A brother that you have wronged is more unyielding than a fortified city. It is difficult to correct a wrong once it is done.**
240. **The tongue has the power of life and death. From the mouth comes both blessings and curses. Use your tongue carefully and thoughtfully.**
241. **A good faithful loving wife is a treasure and should be treated as such.**
242. **When you are blessed, bless others in return and it will come back to you.**
243. **Stop and smell the roses. They may not always be there.**
244. **A foolish child is a father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like the constant dripping of a leaky roof.**
245. **Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their demise.**
246. **As you go about your day, remember this: All that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. Be wise and strive to do the will of God.**

247. Better safe than sorry. Don't purposely do anything that could injure or harm you. Be smart, be safe.

248. Exude happiness. If you exude happiness it attracts others. Practice being happy, as it is usually a choice.

249. Don't judge a book by its cover. You must read the book to really know what it means. This can apply to observing other humans also. It is good advice. Be careful when judging someone. The Bible tells us not to judge others because we have not walked in their shoes.

250. The early bird gets the worm. Don't be lazy. Get up and get going if you want to achieve. But be wise and careful because it is also said that the second mouse gets the cheese.

251. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Take wise action on ideas.

252. It is a sign of weakness to avoid showing signs of weakness.

253. Knowledge is power. But don't wield your power as a weapon but rather as a help.

254. Actions speak louder than words. Let your actions stand for who you are, not your lips.

255. When offering assistance, you must be wise. Give a man an inch and he'll take a mile proves to be true

sometimes Be kind but be careful and watch for signs of abuse of the helper.

256. Eat to live, don't live to eat. Attempt to keep your weight under healthy control. It is for your own good.

257. Be careful how you make your bed of life. You will have to sleep in it. Make your life bed carefully and with love.

258. A job worth doing is worth doing well.

259. Do things right the first time and you will not have to redo what you did the first time.

260. Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.

261. Start well to end well. Maintain that continuity in your projects.

262. That which yields is not always weak. Sometimes we may yield out of love or empathy.

263. We human beings should try to learn before we die, what we are running from, and to, and why.

264. Necessity is the mother of invention. Use your discovered necessities as a means to develop something new when the opportunity arises.

265. If a man has his eyes bound, you can encourage him as much as you like to stare through the bandage, but he'll never see anything. In other

words, help people to see if you can without being pushy or overbearing.

266. In our daily life activities remember that what you choose also chooses you. Give wise thought to your choices.

267. Don't make a habit of pointing out the failures of others. Some people talk about other people's failures with so much pleasure that you would swear they are talking about their own successes.

268. You cannot be truly humble unless you truly believe that life can and will go on without you.

269. People who smile while they are alone used to be called insane, until we invented smartphones and social media. It is ok to smile. It is good for your soul.

270. The trouble about man is twofold. He cannot learn truths which are too complicated; he forgets truths which are too simple.

271. A relationship is likely to last way longer, if each partner convinces or has convinced themselves that they do not deserve their partner, even if that is not true.

272. We love being mentally strong, but we hate situations that allow us to put our mental strength to good use.

273. We are sometimes dragged into a pit of unhappiness by someone else's opinion that we do not look happy. Don't let others' opinions damage you. Use your own brain.

274. Most people believe most of the things they believe only because they believe that most people believe them.

275. Some people will insult your intelligence by suddenly being nice or nicer to you once you make it … or they think you have. Just be kind to them and overlook and love them.

276. Life is a process during which one initially gets less and less dependent, independent, and then more and more dependent. Think about it.

277. We are loved way more by some of the people who have not contacted us in the last twelve or so months than we are loved by some of those who contact us every twelve or so days … or hours.

278. Most human beings who are over the age of six usually act or react not as per what they genuinely feel or really think but in accordance with the expectations of those around them.

279. Looking but not seeing is the hearing but not understanding of the eye.

280. Seek to be a servant and not to be served.

281. Some people avoid thinking deeply in public, only because they are afraid of coming across as suicidal.

282. Most of us are a fool, insane, a failure, or a bad person to at least ten people. So, don't worry about it.

283. The upsetting thing about Society's attitude towards disabled people is that many millions of disabled people became disabled while trying to please Society, the very same one that secretly regards them as subhuman. Think "soldiers", "public servants", etc. Be wise and recognize their sacrifice. Don't be a fool about your attitude toward them.

284. Cheating is still cheating even if nobody notices or finds out. Don't cheat on things or other people.

285. The line between true self and feigned self is blurred on all sides. Try to keep it real.

286. Simplicity with curiosity is the lap on which success rests!

287. There is too much woman in many a girl and too much boy in many a man.

288. Some people will hate you for not loving them.

289. All Excess is ill: But Drunkenness is of the worst Sort. It spoils Health, dismounts the Mind, and unmans Men: It reveals Secrets, is Quarrelsome,

Lascivious, Impudent, Dangerous and Mad. He that is drunk is not a reliable man, because he is lacks reason, that distinguishes a Man from a Beast. Don't be a drunk.

290. We are way less likely to love someone just because they love us than we are to hate someone just because they hate us.

291. Laughter is the antidote to existential pain. Laughter really is good medicine. Laugh.

292. A definition is the enclosing of an idea within a wall of words.

293. The chances of being alive in a thousand years are a hundred times higher than your chances of being sincerely happy for at least ten consecutive days. Strive to be happy. It is a choice.

294. If we were not impressed by job titles, suits, and jargon, we would demand that financial advisors show us their personal bank statements before they tell us what we could or should do with our own money.

295. In reality most human beings are not, to most human beings, more important than money This is tragic. Remember that the Bible says that "the love of money is the root of evil". Try to value people more than money.

296. Never mock a tender heart. Be thankful that they have a tender heart.

297. The least we each ought to do for someone who treats us like a king or a queen is to treat them like a prince or a princess.

298. Attending a funeral would leave the average person insane if they truly believed that sooner or later they are also going to die.

299. Wear none of your own Chains; but keep free, while you are free. Chains represent that that can capture us like alcohol, drugs, gambling, love of money, etc. Don't be chained up by things you have created for yourself.

300. Some people know the power of speech. They are silent. This is wisdom at its finest.

301. The sun rises for everyone, except for those who sleep too much.

302. Times change. Before no one believed the weather forecast but today in the news the weather forecast is the only thing that can be believed. Listen up media people.

303. Person of the year - the ordinary person who managed to survive on minimum wage.

304. The people are politicians' wheel of fortune. They spin them around so they can make money off of them. This is truth.

305. **We sometimes live in the past. We save the present for future possible dark days. Saving is wise but don't make it your only goal.**
306. **Every man is as close to God as he wants to be; he is as holy and as full of the Spirit as he wills to be….**
307. **If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you**
308. **Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value but those earned have long lasting value.**
309. **Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.**
310. **Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.**
311. **The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.**
312. **Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers a multitude of wrongs.**
313. **The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.**
314. **The wages of the righteous is life, but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.**
315. **Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.**
316. **Make your intimacy with God your number one priority in life. Then you can be assured that he will meet all your needs. Jesus said it like this: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all**

these things will be given to you". This author has proven this on a personal level. It is true and it works.

317. Life is often lived forward, but understood backward. Think about this and you will find it true.

318. God call us to surrender self and submit to His word and will. He promises to lead, strengthen, and bless those who answer His call to obedience.

319. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bushes but the one in your hand may cause a mess that you will have to clean up.

320. Never assume anything. Remember the old saying about what "ASSUME" means. When we assume we may make an ASS out of You and Me. Facts is the golden key.

321. Listen to what people say about others and you will know what they say about you.

322. Look before you leap. This can apply to all areas of your life.

323. Don't take the blessings in your life for granted. You could lose them all at any moment.

324. Be thankful, be thankful, be thankful to God. He will cause you to continue to have things to be thankful for.

325. The past is dead (only the experiences from that past remain). The future does not yet exist, therefore it is NOT. The only thing that we actually have is the

PRESENT. Do not dwell on the past nor look to much into the future. Live in the moment.

326. Everybody hurts, everybody cries. Take comfort when difficult times come that you are not alone.

327. Everybody will experience joyous times and laughter. Enjoy yours with those around you at any given moment. Feel free to experience happiness when it is nearby.

328. It can be darkest just before the dawn. Hang on, hand on, hang on.

329. Try your best to find the good in others. Try to overlook their bad.

330. Treat others as you want to be treated.

331. Make yourself smile when you answer the phone and it will make quite a difference in the conversation. Try it !

332. Pick your fights !!! Do not argue, disagree, quarrel and fight over things that really do not matter. Sometimes being right is not nearly as important as you may think it is. BUT, stand your ground with kindness when it is an issue that you think is worthwhile.

333. Plan ahead. This too may apply to all areas in your life. Plan ahead as much as possible.

334. Keep a budget. Live within your means.

335. The more STUFF you own, the more STUFF you have to take care of.

336. Listen to the things around you carefully at every opportunity. Use the knowledge gained from listening to your good advantage. Listening carefully and learning through it is an excellent skill to obtain and use.

337. Be curious but not obsessive about it. Search and learn. In today's technological age there is an extreme abundance of information and knowledge available to us. Don't be afraid to search and learn. YOU will benefit.

338. Look into the history of people, countries, governments, and other such things to gain a rich knowledge of the past. The past often repeats itself. We can benefit from learning about the past.

339. Do not place scientists, doctors, politicians, Social leaders, and many others of high esteem on a pedestal. Question their opinions and don't necessarily accept everything that they say as absolute fact. Some of them (as they are merely humans) can expound as though they are absolutely correct about things. Not necessarily so.

340. Don't pour kerosene on the fire. This refers to disagreements and/or arguments with others. Sometimes it is wise to simply nod your head and keep quiet. If an issue is fresh, let it settle for a while. Don't pour kerosine on the fire.

341. Absolutely, DO Not take any source of news media as truth. They are notorious liars and fabricators of facts in order to inflate their stories. Sensationalism is their main tool. It is taught early in their training. Don't be fooled by what you hear. Investigate the facts for yourself if it is important to you. Otherwise you may simply choose to ignore what they report. Their reporting is to their own benefit not yours. Sell, sell, sell, sell. That is their motto. They claim to report without bias. Don't you believe it for a second. Their primary motivator is political in nature.

342. Look at people's motives for kindness to you. If you perceive their motives to be pure. Love them and be grateful. If otherwise, don't be a sucker.

343. Don't put all your money on fairness. It scarcely has any lobbyists.

344. Photographs used to present us as we actually were. These days our photographs may have nothing to do with the way we really look or the situation involved in the photo.

345. Some people take mutual dependence as friendship.

346. Try your best not to borrow money from friends or relatives. It can create many hard feelings.

347. A straight road may be an indicator that the journey is over.

348. The charm of sleepless nights is the idea that tomorrow may not come or may be very difficult because of this or that issue in your mind.

349. Nothing is as it was. Everything is either kind of late or has changed. Nothing remains the same. Sometimes this is good and sometimes it is bad. That is life.

350. The increase in the price of electricity will not affect the poorest. Their electricity has already been cut off. How ironic.

351. Governments will ALWAYS tax as much as they can possibly get away with. That is the nature of the beast. All we can do about it is vote and I sometimes wonder if that even has any benefit.

352. The wisest people know the power of speech. They are silent most of the time.

353. When we look in the mirror, we usually see truth. Have a happy mirror.

354. In the animal kingdom, the male of the species are better looking than females. In humans it is different because women have learned how to use make-up. Ha ! Ha !

355. Women can come and go. But a wonderful wife stays.

356. Getting remarried can be like returning to the scene of the crime. Be careful.

357. The easiest way to get a promotion is with knowledge, i.e. if you know a thing or two about your boss or regularly play golf with him. Some folks have other names for this type of behavior.

358. A lot of folks favorite color has been reduced to either red or blue. What ever happened to our traditional favorite colors?

359. If you know the solution, you may be part of the problem. In some devious minds the plan may be to create the problem and then be the savior who provides the solution. Just a thought.

360. We have elected a new government official to solve our problems. You can express your condolences.

361. We seem to be lost. All roads lead to politicians. Are there any other viable options?

362. When you are full of yourself, you are actually empty. You just don't realize it yet. But most of the time others do.

363. Elections make you dumb. After you give the politicians your vote, they don't hear your voice.

364. We cannot take life into our own hands. It is too heavy. Let God carry the load for you. He offers to do so in The Holy Bible. The choice is yours.

365. God created 2 exceptionally wonderful things. The 1st is the human "will" giving us the ability to make choices and the 2nd is "Change". Both can be a very valuable tool in our everyday life and moments. Use them with wisdom and gratitude.

366. People are followers like sheep. Have you ever noticed a current ridiculous trend and observed how many people fall in line to follow that trend? No matter how silly it is. That is the nature of society. Isn't that interesting?

367. If you are a bald or balding man, don't worry about it or give it a second thought. Half of the male population in the world is in the same boat. Follow the trend and you will fit right in.

368. When your right is wrong, then wrong may be your right.

369. People may think that you are a fool but if you keep your mouth shut you will always leave them wondering.

370. There is no individual winner in marriage. All that matters is the courage to participate. It is your choice. Cooperate or separate.

371. A sheep's idea of bravery : to become a wolf's pet. Are you a human sheep with a wolf leader or mentor?

372. No one is getting any prettier or younger. Go with the flow and save yourself some anxiety. There are millions in the same fix.

373. One of the feature of democracy is voting. The one who are FOR certain ideas sometimes raise a hand on those who are AGAINST the idea. Violence is no stranger to politics.

374. There is a thin line between a vision and a hallucination in politics.

375. If you actually believe the malarky that the politicians try to feed you, you are either ignorant or naïve.

376. Money is the most secure in the pockets of the rich. The poor will just it immediately on food.

377. When politicians have problems sleeping, they count voters.

378. A task without difficulty is almost always without merit.

379. People are eager to hear good news. But whose good news? Be careful whose good news you receive.

380. I live as a want. I have a boring life. My life is wonderful as is.

381. An unfaithful woman always knows where her husband is and vice versa.

382. People will always fight for equality until the first chance for domination rears it's ugly head. Humans are fairly predictable in that regard.

383. The most popular marriage fairytale : "She doesn't want to and he can't".

384. If we had no faults we would not find so much enjoyment in seeing faults in others.

385. It appears that the more money people get, the more they want and they also become expert at hiding that trait from others. Practice makes perfect.

386. Try to implore a lovely and kind heart. No one wants to settle in an empty heart.

387. Never melt with the average. You will not improve it.

388. If wo pessimists and/or fault finders live together. They are not living together, they are suffering together.

389. The shortest distance to success is a silver spoon.

390. In order to succeed in the world people do their utmost to appear successful.

391. A main street depends on its name. Let the main street of your heart be warm, welcoming and kind. You will draw a lot of business.

392. Life is like a novel. Don't expect a positive review before you end it.

393. If you bury the hatchet with someone, be sure you don’t turn to more deadly weapons in the future.

394. If we received a lot of money, we would probably buy a lot of things that we don't need for ourselves. But what about others that are in need? Will we remember them?

395. Animals never forgive goodness but people often forget. So, who is better?

396. When around others, Be careful with the mask you wear. You may get used to it.

397. What is the appearance of being Normal? You have perfected the art of keeping one's insanity a secret.

398. A smart woman doesn't have to think if she is beautiful. A beautiful woman doesn't have to think if she is smart.

399. success? Selling the most valuable thing in ourselves to others without being taken advantage of. That is success.

400. It is better to be a has-been than a never-was

401. Don't open up to everyone. Beware: sometimes there are foxes roaming in the town disguised as dogs.

402. Don't be afraid of being emotional. You won't die of it.

403. There are no spa hotels on the road to success.

404. It's easy to write the history of things. All the eyewitnesses are dead.

405. There are honest politicians but they haven't won the elections yet.

406. Wrinkles only exist in the mirror. Break the mirror and the wrinkles are gone.

407. We live for generations and die in an instance.

408. The bottom line is determined by those at the top.

409. The most difficult thing about success is finding someone who would be happy for you.

410. Repeat a lie a thousand times and it becomes a successful political campaign.

411. The unspoken rule of democracy : three stupid ones will always outvote two smart ones.

412. If Santa Claus was a politician, he would only put billboards promising the best Christmas presents.

413. Caesar of the 21st century : I came! I saw! I bought!

414. Patriotism is the narcissism of countries.

415. The world economy would collapse if a significant number of people were to realize and then act on the realization that it is possible to enjoy many if not most of the things that they enjoy without first having to own them.

416. Among other possibilities, money was invented to make it possible for a foolish man to control wise men; a weak man, strong men; a child, old men; an ignorant man, knowledgeable men; and for a dwarf to control giants.

417. The average adult has had sex innumerable times more than they have formed an opinion of their own."

418. Millions of parents strongly hope that their own children will step in by instantly becoming their own parents' foster parents, if and when the parents reach their second childhood.

419. In most cases, human beings who have just reached the end of a war against a common enemy of theirs will sooner or later start or continue killing and/or fighting against each other.

420. Many a parent, sad to say, has used their child as an opportunity for them, the parent, to do, through their child, something or some of the things that they, the parent, did not do or did not do successfully.

421. Don't argue with a smart person. He won't drag you up to his level.

422. Loneliness tortures many if not most of the elderly more intensely and more frequently than it torments many if not most of us who will never be or have not yet been pushed or pulled into old age.

423. Clothes make the man. Especially the pockets.

424. Some people hate people who are overconfident, only because their overconfidence reminds them of their under confidence.

425. Not everyone who talks less or keeps quiet whenever they are with or around you does that because they find you interesting or knowledgeable; some people do that because they find you boring or ignorant.

426. Adults who use big words in order to seem intelligent are annoying, especially those who are not intelligent.

427. In some cases, you can tell how somebody is being treated by their own boss from the way they are treating someone to whom they are a boss.

428. Bigheadedness is usually a symptom of small-mindedness.

429. Actions will always speak louder than words.

430. Being rich or famous is the only profound thing that some people have ever said.

431. The last time everyone loved or at least liked everyone was when the world had a population of about 4.

432. Greed is a contagious mental illness without which civilization as we know it would not have been possible.

433. Most of us cling to life as if our existence were a result of our own deeds or choice.

434. Don’t complain if you have no shoes. Look, there is a man with no feet.

435. Nothing is expensive when you promise. Keeping that promise is where the price enters the picture.

436. There's nothing quite like turning the page.

437. In life, we give away examples of our selves every day by our actions.

438. An expensive coffin does not decrease the deceased’s chances of going to hell.

439. Speak softly but carry a big stick, just in case. But only use it if you have to.

440. The death of a billionaire is worth more to the media than the lives of a billion poor people.

441. The kind of lies that someone tells us gives us an idea of how stupid, knowledgeable, intelligent, or ignorant they are ... or they think we are.

442. Being bored is the price we pay for not being insane.

443. We all have problems. Or rather, everyone has at least one thing that they regard as a problem. Everybody’s going through something.

444. A truly compassionate man gives a poor person a portion of his meal before he eats, not after he has eaten.

445. Most human beings strongly believe that money is way less important than the life of a human being, but in reality five hundred, fifty, or even five dollars

are way more important to the lives of most human beings than the lives of most human beings.

446. Some social ills are preserved by the common misbelief that things such as ignorance, greed, and stupidity do not have the stamina required to reach old age.

447. Many of the boys and men who are regarded as immature by some females are so deemed merely because they do not want to get married someday … or soon.

448. Famine sometimes increases the number of people who are overweight.

449. When in court, the primary role of lawyers is not to prove or disprove innocence; unbeknown to almost all lawyers and their clients, it is to save the court time.

450. More often than not, expecting to lose weight without first losing the diet that made the weight loss necessary is like expecting a pig to be spotless after hosing it down while it was still rolling in mud.

451. Being a bad parent is a sign of not having learned from experience.

452. Getting through life without a lot of money, possessions, and/or friends is admirable, especially if it is by choice.

453. Someones silence can be the most expensive thing to buy.

454. Good advice is usually given by someone who was once a bad example.

455. Only someone who isn’t a fool stands a chance of not being bothered by being deemed a fool by a fool.

456. Though people sort of need your permission to talk to you, they do not really need permission to talk about you.

457. God begets love and never forget that love is the strongest force in existence. There is nothing stronger than love.

458. A sheep's idea of bravery is to become a wolf's pet.

459. By drinking, a boy acts like a man. After drinking, many a man acts like a boy.

460. There is no such thing as a boring person when you are lonely or extremely bored.

461. We envy people who are extremely old because we wish to live that long, not because we want to be that old.

462. Showing off is more ridiculous in instances where the thing that is being shown off was bought on credit.

463. The second most dangerous thing about money is that it leaves most of the people who have a lot of it with the unshakable belief that they are intelligent and well informed. The most dangerous thing about

it is that it leaves most of the people who do not have a lot of money with the very same belief.

464. Most people would instantly start feeling ten years older if someone were to convince them that they were actually born a decade before their birthdate.

465. Some of the best things that have ever happened to us wouldn't have happened to us, if it weren't for some of the worst things that have ever happened to us.

466. We seldom learn much from someone with whom we agree.

467. Most adults are knowledgeable to a child, but ignorant for their age.

468. I've learned my lesson. I know nothing. I thought I was sharp until I began to seriously study. Then I came to the realization of how little I know.

469. When it comes to their love lives, some people do not really have high standards; they merely have low sex drive.

470. People who are not blessed with the ability to make others laugh compensate for that by saying (or trying to say) things that are profound.

471. Children are our future. Unfortunately, we are their past.

472. You have the chance to remain silent. Everything you say will be misused.

473. Most of the very few people who would choose a good heart over riches would eventually use that to either make a lot of money, or attract men or women who are rich.
474. We call talking about other people's personal lives 'gossip' only if we aren't or weren't part of the conversation.
475. When you are a child at home alone, you're afraid someone might come; when you are old and at home alone, you're afraid no one will come.
476. I know the power of speech. I don't talk much.
477. God shows us the path; but the Devil shows us all of the other possibilities. Choose God's path for a happy life.
478. Let's talk about our STUFF. You get what you want and you become its slave. The more stuff you own the more you are enslaved by it.
479. I think therefore I am not sure.
480. There is a perfect marriage. Any marriage counselor can tell you that.
481. The average adult hates being treated like a child, unless it suits them.
482. No one plows the field just by thinking about it.
483. Unrequited love is a billion times less intolerable than unrequited hate.
484. I am not the potter. I am the clay. Remember that.

485. Life is short; love is longer.

486. He with the cleanest clothes isn't necessarily the cleanest.

487. Each of us is like all of us and like no one else.

488. One of the most common and most dangerous misbeliefs is that it is impossible for someone to be stupid just because they are a doctor or a lawyer.

489. Saying that you do not remember something or someone is a less embarrassing or hurtful way of saying that you do not know it or them anymore.

490. An arrogant man whose arrogance we see from his own behaviour is more tolerable than a humble man whose humility we hear of from his own mouth.

491. Most unintelligent or foolish people do not regard themselves as that; they regard themselves as not-that-intelligent or not-that-wise.

492. Most nobodies are somebodies and most somebodies are nobodies somewhere.

493. Wealth seldom fails to breed the fear of poverty.

494. Many a man was caused to perish by something that he and many men cherish.

495. You may be wealthy but are you happy?

496. We sometimes try to impress people we just met by not trying to impress them.

497. Being bigheaded can be as irritating and as dangerous as being small-minded.

498. There probably was a time when the idea of having a toilet inside a house was repulsive.

499. Some people wish they were as happy as or happy like some people think they are.

500. Correct answers were always important, but they are seldom easy to find. Be very careful and sure that you have found the RIGHT answer. Test it.

501. Beware of finding what you're looking for. When and if you find it examine it and attempt to find it's true genuine worth. Carefully choose what you want to look for.

502. Your longevity in years may amount to stupidity if you were leading a worthless life. Don't lead a worthless meaningless, aimless life. Don't be stupid.

503. An Aphorism is in reality simply predigested wisdom. Read aphorism's and contemplate them for your own benefit.

504. Know what you believe and believe what you know. What do you know? What do you believe?

505. A coward is a servant of his fears but a hero enslaves his fears. Consider the term "Genuine Strength".

506. Sometimes loud boisterous people are mistakenly identified as knowledgeable and wise because of their vocal volume and attitude. Don't be fooled by them.

507. The more you know, the less you talk. The less you talk, the more you know.

508. Give a man a proverb and he'll muse for a moment. Teach a man to find the verb in every proverb and he'll walk in wisdom for a lifetime.

509. It is a sign of arrogance to be mad at someone for not acting as per your advice, especially if it was unsolicited.

510. Happiness cannot be prescribed, postponed or preserved. Relish its unpredictability. Cherish its exclusivity. Accept its occasional brevity. But above all savor its delicious exquisiteness. Do not let it go cold! Happiness is a choice at any given moment in time. Difficult circumstances make it more difficult to experience happiness, sometimes nearly impossible BUT, circumstances do not dictate your happiness. Your REACTION to circumstances is the KEY to happiness.

511. Realized dreams can sometimes turn into nightmares. Use caution and careful consideration when pursuing your dreams.

512. Many people consider chess is an extreme sport. After all it requires thinking. Never be too lazy to think. Use that computer that sits on your shoulders.

513. Some folks expect everything and everyone to be predictable except their own self of course. If you expect predictability all of the time you will be sadly disappointed in both humans and events.

514. Try to have a healthy inflammation of the imagination. But always remember that Imagination can be both destructive and beneficial. Don't waste your time and energy on destructive imagination. Imagination as well as a free will are both wonderful gifts from Go to us to use responsibly.

515. The most dangerous enemy of truth and freedom among us is a liberal majority. Many people confuse liberalism as a license to sin and then consider it perfectly acceptable because after all the majority of others makes it an acceptable issue. Might does not necessarily make right.

516. What light is to the outer physical world is a reasonable comparison of what intellect is to the inner world of our conscience. God obviously gave us light to enable us to see outwardly. He gave us a conscience to enable us to see inwardly. Doesn't common sense tell us that this is true. See with your eyes, be sensitive to your conscience.

517. All Excess is ill: But Drunkenness is of the worst sort and it WILL make you ill. All you need to do is

look around you in our society to witness what alcohol can do to individuals. Don't be foolish !!

518. Don't take the last remaining item on the dish without asking others at the table. It will make you look greedy. Have the courtesy to ask others first.

519. Smile more often, frown less. People will be more accepting of you.

520. Try to have a gentle soothing voice when speaking. It will cause others to listen more attentively and they will consider you a gentle person.

521. Being aggressive and boisterous is never a good look on a person. I guess that is good if you wish for everyone to fear and dislike you. Think about it.

522. Gaining power and a strategic position may appear to be a good thing but remember that at the top is much heavier responsibility and also comes with a possibility of a long fall. Many times the paltry increase in pay is simply not worth the headaches. There is a lot to be said for being "just a regular person".

523. If you find yourself catering to others of power, fame or fortune for your own possible gain or prestige, make no mistake about it you are a boot licker. Don't embarrass yourself. Others notice.

524. Simplicity can be a wonderful thing. Consider it in regards to things, people and endeavors. Simplicity has it's place. The more people, things, and endeavors that we are involved with can certainly bring MORE problems, issues and decisions. Don't perceive simplicity as a negative thing.

525. Don't be a know-it-all. People don't like know-it-alls and they will shy away from them. Remember that no one in this world is that brilliant. Consider our place in the universe.

526. Many hands make light work. In other words if you have a task to do, you may want to get others involved to make the job lighter. There are many groups of peoples in our world today that operate on that principle regularly. (thing barn building, etc.)

527. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Many times if we go visit friends or relative too often (use common sense and good judgement) they will begin to tire of our continual presence.

528. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. If you throw stones at others (figuratively speaking) you may incite them to begin to look into your own shortcomings. Watch your mouth.

529. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. If a circumstance appears to be going in the wrong direction, don't just suddenly throw your hands in

the air and dismiss everything that you invested in the effort. Consider the beneficial components and look to save and/or use the ones that may still be beneficial.

530. Early to bed and early to rise makes you healthy, wealthy, and wise. DON'T BE LAZY. Discipline yourself and your behaviors and you are more likely to have a successful life.

531. Any job worth doing is worth doing well. Remember that your projects and work are a reflection of YOU. Your finished products will reflect very clearly what your work ethics are.

532. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. If you have a problem that needs to be addressed, don't be afraid to let it be known especially if you are sure that there is a reasonable solution and your speaking up may bring resolution and improvement.

533. You'll catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. Kindness and patience will nearly always bring you better results that a sour brash attitude.

534. The early bird catches the worm. Be proactive. Common sense tells us that the individual who is more proactive than others, will have a much better chance of success with their endeavors. Again, Don't be lazy or procrastinate. Look ahead, plan ahead, get there early.

535. A rising tide lifts all boats. In other words sometimes when we seem to be stuck at a low tide in our lives, a good way to handle things is simply stay calm and wait a bit and see what happens. Things are always in a state of change in this world. Nothing remains the same forever. The tide of events may change and things may improve.

536. Make hay while the sun shines. Take advantage of times when things are going well and you see lots of opportunities. Go for it. The sun does not shine every day. Life and times will not always be bright and sunny. Make the most of these times.

537. You can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs. Some things are just simply necessary in life. They are not always pleasant but need to be done. So, you may have some lovely eggs, but you won't enjoy them unless you break the shell and cook them. Just don't be frivolous in your actions and unnecessarily harm anyone or anything in the process.

538. Fortune favors the brave. Sometimes we need to be bold and/or brave. If you see an opportunity that may benefit you or others but may require some cautious actions, you may need to be brave. Remember to be brave but at the same time do not be foolish or daredevilish about it. Use common sense and wisdom. There is a proper place for bravery.

539. Every dog has its day. Let us consider ourself and others for a moment. All human beings have the potential for great success or failure. However, we don't usually stay in the same state forever. You may see a person that appears to be total loser. Or you may currently appear to be a total loser. Don't make the mistake of assuming that this will be a constant forever state. You may see someone in an outstanding position with their life. Things can change ! Just remember that we will all have a time when that old dog may have a chance to become a SHOW Dog. Don't count people out by appearances. Every dog has it's day. Be an encourager. Don't be a discourager of others !

540. Be careful of who you may step on when you are on your way up the ladder of success. You may someday be on your way down due to circumstances. The ones you stepped on may become your superior. Be careful and considerate.

541. A rolling stone gathers no moss. Stay active, stay busy. Don't just sit and rot. Life is in a continual state of change. Don't be stuck and idle.

542. It was like herding cats. Some situations in life seem to be completely impossible to accomplish, like herding cats. Use your brain and don't just run around in circles trying to accomplish something. Think about it. What is the best way to accomplish the task? MAYBE a little

bowl of cat food strategically placed in the general area. Hmmmm??

543. One man's trash is another man's treasure. The things that you value most may very well be considered useless and have no value to someone else and vice versa. What they consider valuable may seem to be junk to you. Take care of your own treasures and trash and don't worry about the other fellows.

544. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink. In this world there are people and circumstances that you simply cannot force. You may show some folks how to do certain things properly in life but they may very well ignore everything that you show them. It is their choice. Be kind, be helpful but don't be foolish about it when you see that they will never get it or be receptive. It is what it is. That is just the way things are sometimes. You can't make people do what you wish they would do. Everyone has a free will and the right to make their own decisions.

545. Beggars can't be choosers. When you find yourself in a situation where you need something and you know that you need to humble yourself. JUST HUMBLE YOURSELF. Humility is not a shameful thing. We all have different needs occasionally. Take what you may get and be thankful for it. The key words here are

"Humility" and "Thankful". Neither of the two indicates weakness as is so commonly assumed in this world.

546. This isn't my first rodeo. Again be humble. Just because you have some experience in the situation doesn't give you the right to brag about the fact that you have "been there", "done that". A lot of us have been to a lot of rodeos (so to speak).

547. You're barking up the wrong tree. Once in a while you need to tell someone that they are wrong in their approach to an issue or circumstance. That is what this old saying means. That doesn't mean that you have to be rude about it. Maybe you would be better of by saying something like "I believe that your idea here may be incorrect". Isn't that much more pleasant. It still has the same meaning doesn't it?

548. The apple never falls far from the tree. May people believe that our offspring will probably be much like their parents in many regards. While that is possibly very accurate it does not indicate that a person with a worthless parent will turn out the same way. Although sometimes it does. This may also apply to people with successful parents. Just remember that it is dangerous to generalize about these things as there are many variables involved with human development.

549. You're a day late and a dollar short. You need to do better. Maybe you should have planned better.

Planning and timing are everything on occasion. Be wise and plan ahead.

550. Don't put the cart before the horse. When planning things, don’t get ahead of yourself in your thinking. Stop and think about what you are doing and what is the best approach. If you put the cart ahead of the horse, the cart won’t get very far will it?

551. Don't count your chickens before they've hatched. Always remember that everything is in a constant state of change. If you plan on something that you are doing will definitely turn out a certain way and you are counting on it, you may be disappointed. You know that things have a way of changing. And they usually do. Understand that things may very well not turn out the way that you planned and have a backup plan in the back of your mind. Just in case !

552. A watched pot never boils. We are talking about developing patience here. Patience is a very hard learning in life. But it is also a very valuable learning. Sometimes the best thing that we can do is simply relax, maybe do something else in the interim. Be patient, that pot will finally boil when its time has come. Your watching and impatience will not make it boil any faster. Save yourself some anxiety and learn to be patient.

553. Too many cooks spoil the gravy. If you have ever worked in a restaurant you will understand that this is true. If you are the chef, you need others to keep their paws away from what your are preparing. Remember that the more people involved in a project the more complicated it can become. Keep it simple, take care of your own recipe without the help of many others. Don't overcomplicate things. This, of course, may very well apply to many other areas other than cooking.

554. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Let us look at our hopes, dreams, projects, romance, etc., etc. Whatever the subject, if we put ALL of our efforts, faith, hope, actions, etc. into one basket and we drop the basket, all of the eggs may be broken leaving us with nothing. Don't put all of your life saving on one stock. If it fails you are finished. Get the idea? This applies to many areas of life as previously mentioned.

555. Don't take any wooden nickels. In other words,be alert and don't be suckered by the world's many scams and trickery. Be aware that there are many people, companies, things out there that will do anything to take your money from you. A wooden nickel is worthless but may appear on the surface to be made of gold or silver. (think, disguised, deceiving, trickery, lies, etc.) Don't be fooled. Take a close look at anything

that appears to be too good to be true. It probable is too good to be true.

556. A thing of beauty is a joy forever. If you become aware of something beautiful, enjoy its beauty and treasure it in your precious memories. Thereby enabling yourself to enjoy it as you recall it occasionally in your mind.

557. Pretty is as pretty does. Actions speak louder than words. If something is pretty but its actions are ugly then it is not really pretty. The actions and behaviors will show the true beauty, not the words.

558. A trouble shared is a trouble halved. It seems that when we have trouble, it makes things better if we have someone come alongside and encourage us and share their presence in the circumstance.

559. Home is where the heart is. Where your heart is reveals the truth about what you consider important in your life. Is it money? Is it loving your family? Is it your career? Is it loving God and serving Him? Where is your heart? If you search your heart, you will know the true answer.

560. Confession is good for the soul. In other words, once you become aware of a sin or wrongful thing in your life and confess it to God and repent and get up, dust yourself off and try again, you will be better for it. Don't

let these things set in your heart and rot. Confess it, repent and move on.

561. Share and share alike. Don't be selfish. Share your blessings with others and you feel good inside.

562. Bless your heart. In other words I wish you the best in whatever situation you may find yourself. I pray that God will bless you.

563. An apple a day keeps the doctor away. Eat healthy for your own good. Choose carefully what you consume.

564. There's more than one way to skin a cat. There are usually more than one way to do things. Be open to learn new things. Consider the suggestion of others when doing things. Be willing to learn.

565. If it had been a snake, it would have bitten you. It was so obvious that I should have noticed but did not. I need to be more aware.

566. You're making a mountain out of a molehill. The lesson here is to always try to see the truth in situations and circumstances and not exaggerate the problem. Be realistic and assess the problem and recognize it as it actually is. Don't make it worse than it needs to be.

567. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Don't continuously over analyze problems. If things are working properly, then leave them as they are.

568. Don't judge a book by its cover. NEVER make the mistake of pre-judging or evaluating people and things prematurely. You CANNOT see what is at the heart and character of people just by looking at them. This applies also to most other circumstances.

569. Birds of a feather flock together. People usually hang with people like their self. If you see someone hanging with a bad crowd, BEWARE. If they choose to hang with kind and loving people and/or wise people, that too speaks volumes about their choices of acquaintances.

570. You're preaching to the choir. Don't waste your time trying to convince me. I already agree with what you are saying.

571. It doesn't amount to a hill of beans. It simply has no real value. It is pretty much useless.

572. There's no accounting for taste. It is true that it is hard to understand the things and people that others choose. An individual may have chosen a mate that you simply don't understand or agree with. BUT, that choice was per their own particular taste. They probably know something that you don't know about that choice. Everyone has the freedom to make their own choices as per their own taste. Don't criticize as you do not have the whole picture in your own mind.

573. A new broom sweeps clean. If you notice a new employee really busting their butt to do a good job,

don’t make quick judgement. Watch and wait to see if their proficiency continues or if it was simply an initial effort to impress someone. After all the worth of the broom will reveal itself after it has been used for a while and broken in.

574. Tend to your own knitting. This simply means “mind your own business”. If we tend to our own knitting we will have our hands full. Don’t worry too much about what the other person is doing. Mind your own business.